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SUBJECT: CCMS: COASTAL WATER POLLUTION-DRAFT REVISION OF 1970
NATO AOIL SPILLS RESOLUTION

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REF: A. USNATO 1003(NOTAL)

B. USNATO 0892

SUMMARY-BELGIAN WILL TABLE THEIR REVISED 1970 NATO OIL SPILLS
RESOLUTION AT FORTHCOMING CCMS SPRING PLENARY, BUT WILL NOT RPT NOT
SEEK FORMAL CCMS APPROVAL UNTIL FALL 1975 PLENARY. DETAILS FOLLOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13, MISSION AND EMBASSY BRUSSELS OFFICERS
CALLED ON CAPTAIN MARC RENSON, BELGIAN DIRECTOR OF CCMS COASTAL WATER
POLLUTION PILOT STUDY, TO DETERMINE CURRENT STATUS OF BELGIAN DRAFT
REVISION OF 1970 NATO OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION (REFTEL A) AND GOB'S
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PLANNING IN THIS RESPECT FOR CCMS SPRING PLENARY AND THEREAFTER.

2. ACCORDING RENSON, BELGIAN TIMETABLE FOR ALLIED COMMENTS ON
DRAFT AND FOR CCMS ACTION ON RESOLUTION HAS FALLEN SOMEWHAT BEHIND

SCHEDULE. AT THIS POINT, BELGIUM PLANS ONLY TO TABLE REVISED RESOLUTION TEXT AT FORTHCOMING SPRING CCMS PLENARY, BUT NOT RPT NOT TO SEEK ITS APPROVAL BY CCMS (AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE NAC) UNTIL THE FALL 1975 PLENARY.

3. RENSON TOLD US THAT CO-PILOTS, CANADA, FRANCE AND PORTUGAL HAVE ALL CONCURRED IN DRAFT TEXT OF RESOLUTION AS PROPOSED BY BELGIUM. FRG EVIDENTLY ALSO FAVORABLE, WITH A FEW SUGGESTED DRAFTING CHANGES INTENDED TO ACKNOWLEDGE MORE EXPLICITLY THE ROLE AND PROGRAM OF IMCO. WE STATED THAT WE ANTICIPATED RECEIVING SOME SUGGESTIONS ON TEXT FROM US AUTHORITIES, WHICH RENSON SAID WOULD STILL BE WELCOME. HE PLANS SUBMIT REVISED TEXT, REFLECTING COMMENTS RECEIVED SO FAR, TO NATO SECRETARIAT AROUND MARCH 27, FOR CIRCULATION AS DOCUMENT FOR SPRING PLENARY.

4. FALL 1975 CCMS PLENARY WOULD ACT ON REVISED OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION, AS WELL AS ON RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON COASTAL WATER POLLUTION EMERGING FROM INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON "CONTINENTAL SEA" TOO BE HELD BY BELGIUM IN JUNE 1975 AS CONCLUDING PHASE OF NORTH SEA MODELLING PROJECT UNDER THIS CCMS PILOT STUDY (REF B).

5. RENSON IS IN CONTACT WITH CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ON PLANS FOR PROJECTED INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON TECHNOLOGICAL COUNTER MEASURES FOR DEALING WITH OIL SPILLS, CALLED FOR IN REVISED RESOLUTION. RENSON AND HIS CANADIAN COLLEAGUES, WHO WOULD CO-CHAIR EVENT, NOW SEE THIS MEETING AS TAKING PLACE AROUND LATE WINTER OF 1976-77, PROBABLY IN CANADA. 1976 INTERNATIONAL MEETING CALENDAR FOR AUTHORITIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES TO FULL TO ENABLE THEIR ORGANIZING MEETING SOONER.

6. SCIENTIFIC, AS DISTINCT FROM TECHNOLOGICAL COUNTERMEASURES ASPECTS OF OIL SPILLS, I.E., PHENOMENON OF (AS RENSON TERMS IT) "OIL IN THE SEA", WILL FIGURE TO LIMITED EXTENT ON AGENDA OF MEETING ON CONTINENTAL SEA THIS JUNE (PARA 4, ABOVE). ACCORDING RENSON, PORTUGAL IS PREPARING PRINCIPAL PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT. DEPENDING UPON DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA AT JUNE MEETING AND THEREAFTER, SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED TO SOME

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DEGREE AT PROPOSED TECHNOLOGICAL COUNTERMEASURES MEETING IN 1976-77.

7. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY BRUSSELS.
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